

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

HB 1246 - SB 1521

April 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates the *Students' Right to Know Act*. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to create and compile certain data such as jobs and salaries, in relation to higher education, into a student horizon database and to publish the data on the state's website. Effective January 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$147,200/FY21-22
\$276,800/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006546): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes: (1) alter the required data to be compiled; (2) authorize THEC to utilize an existing web-based platform for purposes of making the compiled data publicly available to prospective students; and (3) change the effective date to July 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

On April 5, 2021 a fiscal memorandum was issued for this legislation with the following estimated impact:

*Increase State Expenditures - \$72,100/FY21-22
\$69,900/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years*

Based on a misinterpretation, the fiscal impact was determined to be in error. As a result, the fiscal impact for the bill as amended has been corrected as follows:

(CORRECTED)

**Increase State Expenditures - \$113,700/FY21-22
\$111,500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

Corrected assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by THEC, the proposed language would require THEC to hire one Business Intelligence Specialist-ADV position to compile and analyze the data and maintain the database. THEC will hire the new position in FY21-22 in order to have the required data ready and available by FY22-23.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the position is estimated to be \$2,200 (\$1,600 computer costs + \$600 office supplies).
- The increase to state expenditures associated with the position is estimated to be \$111,471 (\$89,808 salary + \$21,663 benefits).
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$113,671 (\$111,471 position cost + \$2,200 one-time cost) in FY21-22 and a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$111,471 in FY22-23 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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